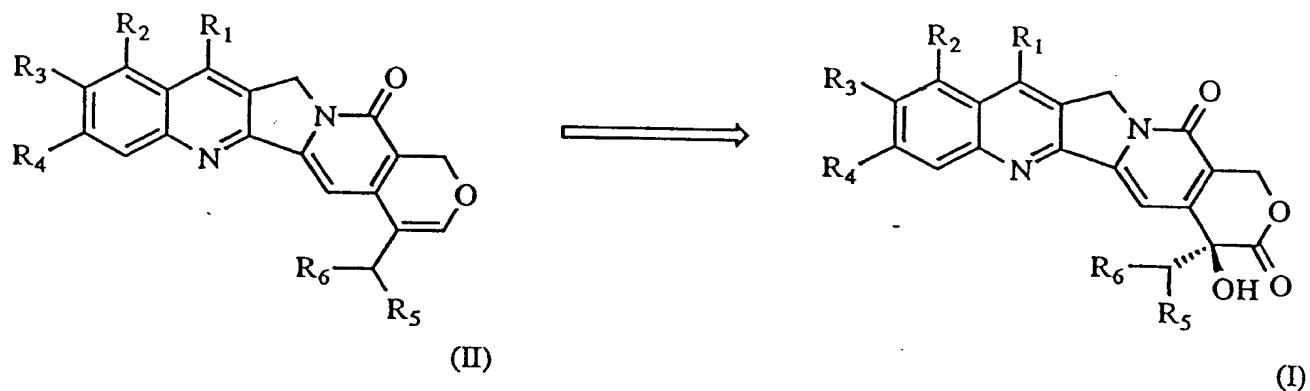


## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a process for preparing camptothecin and camptothecin analogs of Formula (I) from compounds of Formula (II) and to novel intermediates useful in their preparation,



wherein  $R_1$  to  $R_6$  represent various substituents.